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FOR: Signaling Aptamers That
Transduce Molecular Recognition
To A Different Signal

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application in the above-referenced patent application mailed April 4, 2001, be extended for one (1) month to and including July 5, 2001. Please debit the \$55 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) or any additional fees due from Deposit Account 07-1185.

I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.8 that the following correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to Honorable Commissioner of Patents, Box Missing Parts, Washington DC 20231. Please return the enclosed postcard acknowledging receipt of this correspondence.

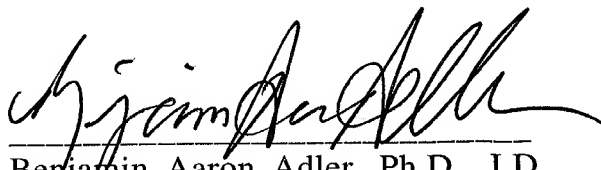
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